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throat." The column of water is about one hundred feet high, and while the geyser is recovering from the effects of this novel emetic we leave the subject of Iceland and its sensitive interior.

HASSARD'S FLORAL DECORATIONS.¹—This little manual seems to us to be quite novel in some of its features, and certainly very attractive. It will afford many a new suggestion, and the hints are in good taste. We select the titles of a few chapters to give some idea of the scope of the work: Preparing Flowers, Wiring Flowers, Gumming Flowers, Keeping Prepared Flowers Fresh; Plants through the Table, Decorations for Buffets; Table Decorations for Christmas Day; Arrangement of Fruit for Dessert; Vases for the Breakfast-Table; Vases for the Drawing-Room; Button-Hole Bouquets and Coat Flowers; Pot Plants in Rooms; Window Gardening, Hanging-Baskets, Fern-Cases, Stands of Plants; Plant-Stands for Halls; The Grouping of Plants in Rooms.

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¹ *Floral Decorations for the Dwelling-House.* A Practical Guide to the Home Arrangements of Plants and Flowers. By ANNIE HASSARD. American Edition, revised. With many Illustrations. London and New York: Macmillan & Co. 1876. 12mo, pp. 166. \$1.75.